## **Independent Living**

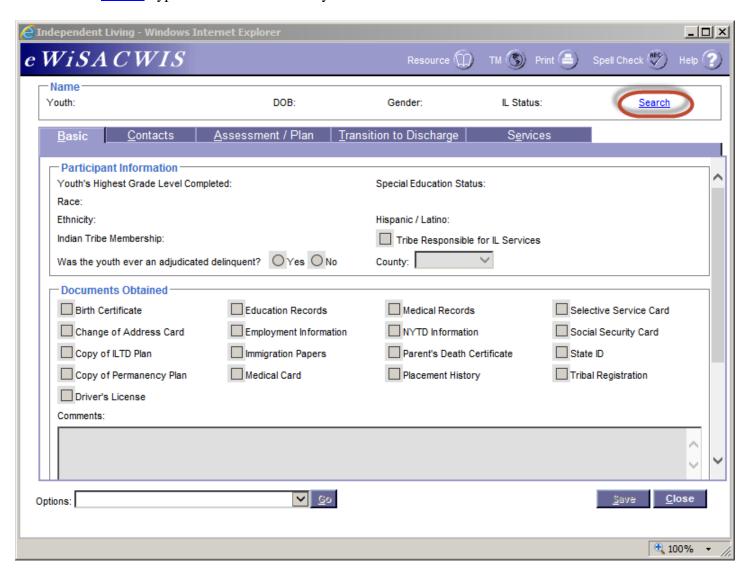
**Note:** An assignment is not needed to the case to complete Independent Living (IL) work, however additional security is needed.

1. Click on Maintain > Independent Living > Independent Living. This will open the Independent Living page.

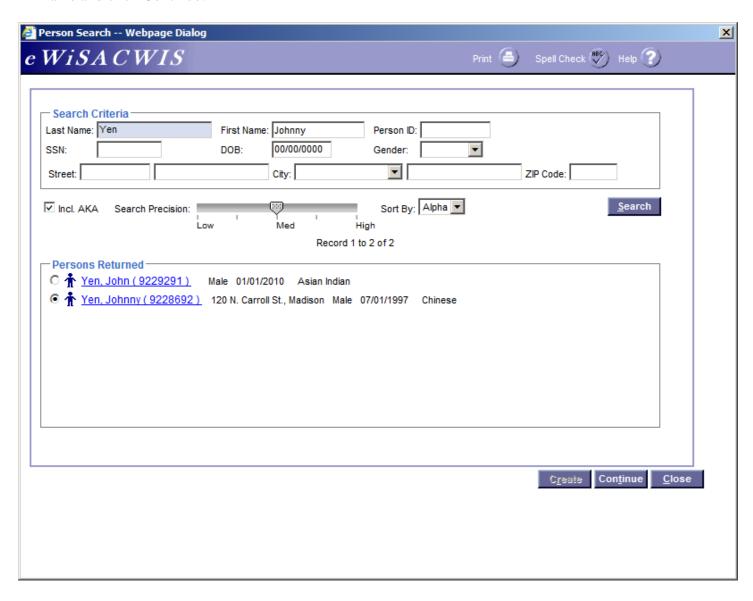


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2. Click the <u>Search</u> hyperlink to search for the youth.



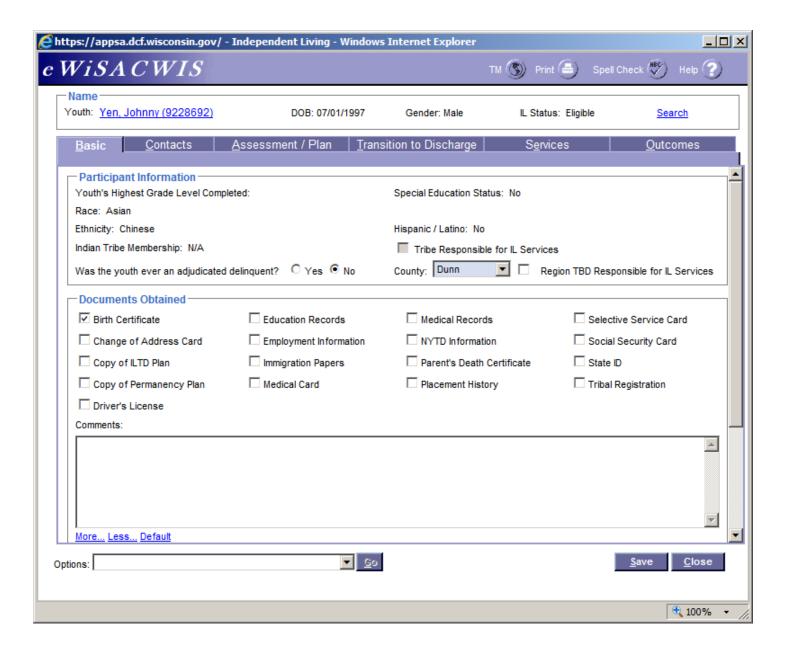
3. Enter the youth's name and click Search. Select the youth by clicking the radio button next to his or her name and click Continue.



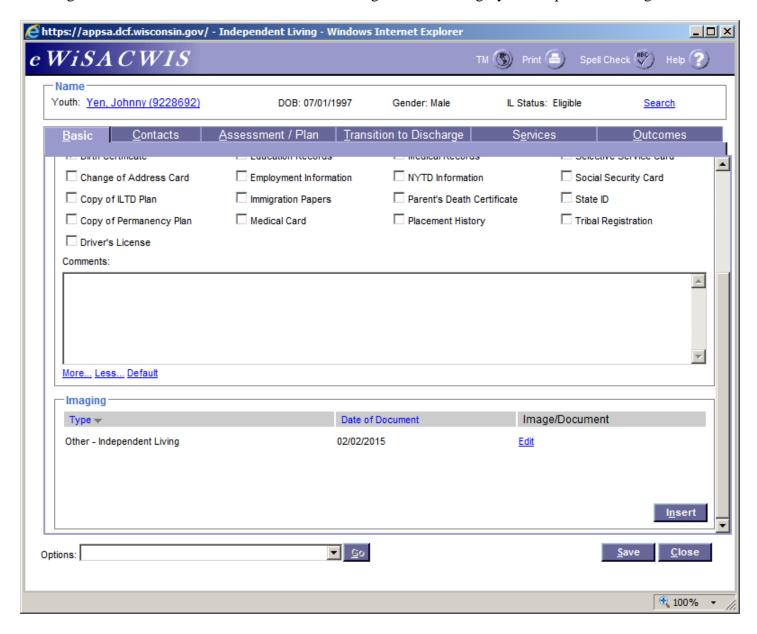
4. The Independent Living page will display the youth's name with his or her associated person ID, DOB, gender, and IL eligibility status. To update any of the demographic information, click the youth's name (the blue hyperlink) to launch the Person Management page.

The first tab of the page is the Basic tab. All information in the Participant Information group box pre-fills from the youth's Person Management page, except for the last question, "Was the youth ever an adjudicated delinquent?" This question is user selected and must be completed in order to save the page. All information in the Documents Obtained group box is user selected. This is helpful to workers who would like to document what documents they have obtained for youth who will be aging out of care.

Note: When a youth reaches 17 ½, the Region Responsible for IL Services checkbox becomes enabled. This is used to indicate when a youth is being served by the regional agency. The region will display as TBD until regional operations go live for the county identified.

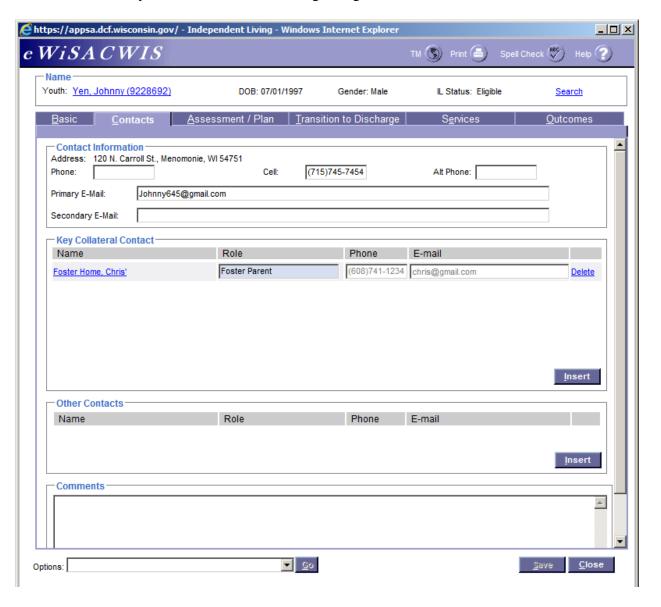


The Imaging group box on the Basic Tab displays any images with the category of Independent Living. Clicking the insert button allows users to create an image with the Category as Independent Living.

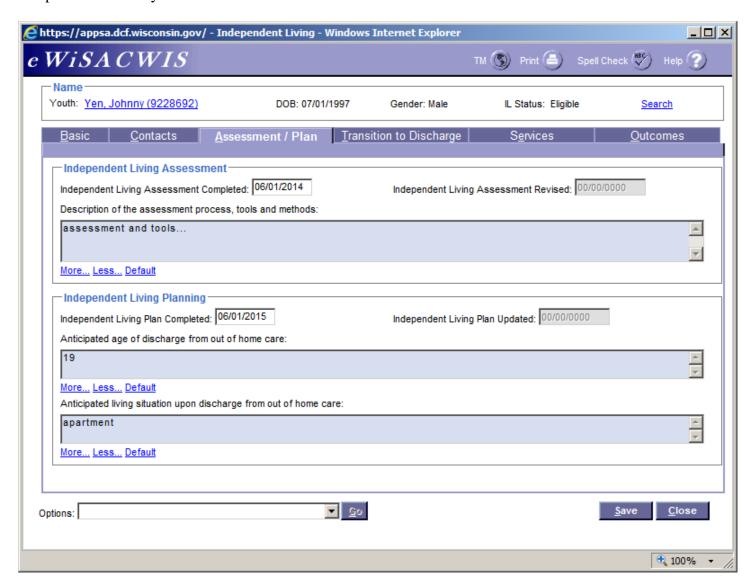


5. The second tab is the Contacts tab. This tab allows you to document all potential contacts for a youth in order to find them after they have aged out of care. Due to the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) requirements, workers should have contact with youth at their 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> birthdays. The Contact Information group box allows you to document the youth's phone and e-mail address. The Key Collateral Contacts will pre-fill with the Parent 1 and Parent 2 information of the child's foster parents at the age of 17. If these are not appropriate, they can be deleted. Other people with eWiSACWIS IDs can be added by clicking the Insert button and doing a person search. The role and e-mail should be entered for each contact.

Also on the Contacts tab is the Other Contacts group box. You can enter all other possible contacts for the youth by clicking Insert and entering the name, role, phone, and e-mail. Comments can be entered for any additional information you would like to record regarding contacts.



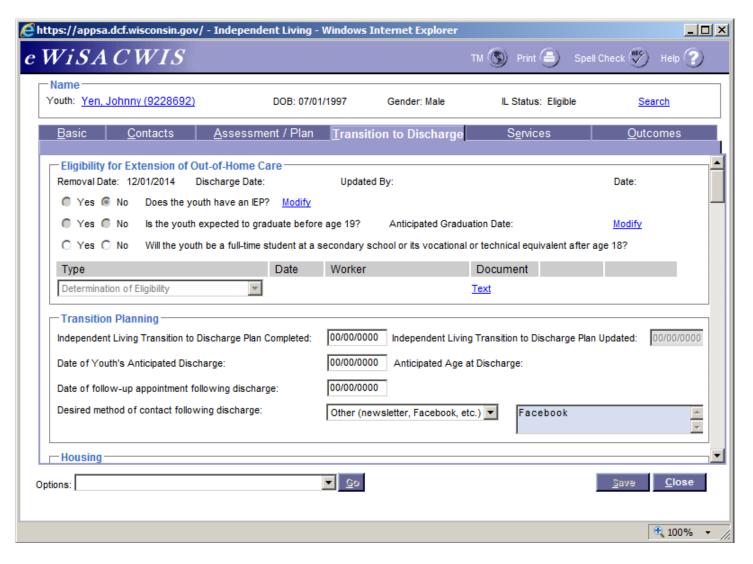
6. The third tab is the Assessment/Plan tab. On this tab you will document the date the Independent Living Assessment was completed and/or revised and a description of the process, tools, and methods used. You will also document the date the Independent Living Plan was completed and/or revised and the anticipated age and living situation at discharge from out of home care. Both the assessment and the plan must be completed when the youth is 15 and has been in out of home care for at least 6 months.



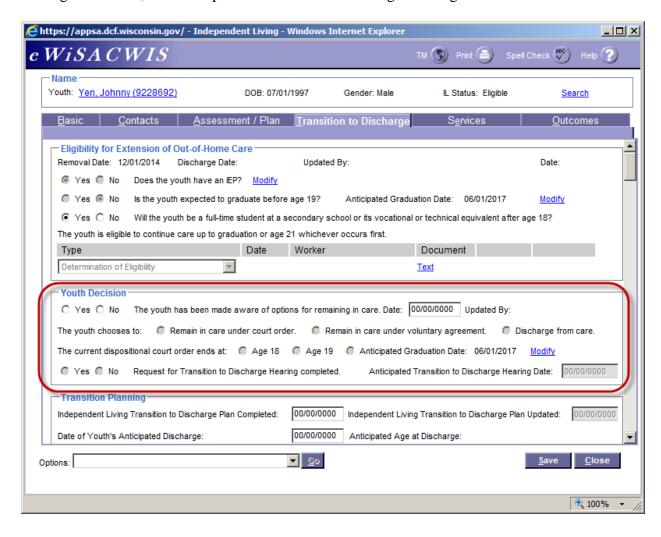
7. The fourth tab is the Transition to Discharge tab. Here you will document everything included on the Independent Living Transition to Discharge (ILTD) Plan. This plan must be done 90 days prior to the youth aging out of care.

**Note:** When a youth is 17 ½ and in an Out of Home Placement, the ILTD Plan will pre-fill to the Case/Permanency Plan.

The first section is for documentation of the youth's eligibility to extend foster care. The questions "Does the youth have an IEP?" and "Is the youth expected to graduate before age 19?" prefill based on the youth's person management record. Clicking the modify link will take the user directly to the Education tab on the Person Management page.

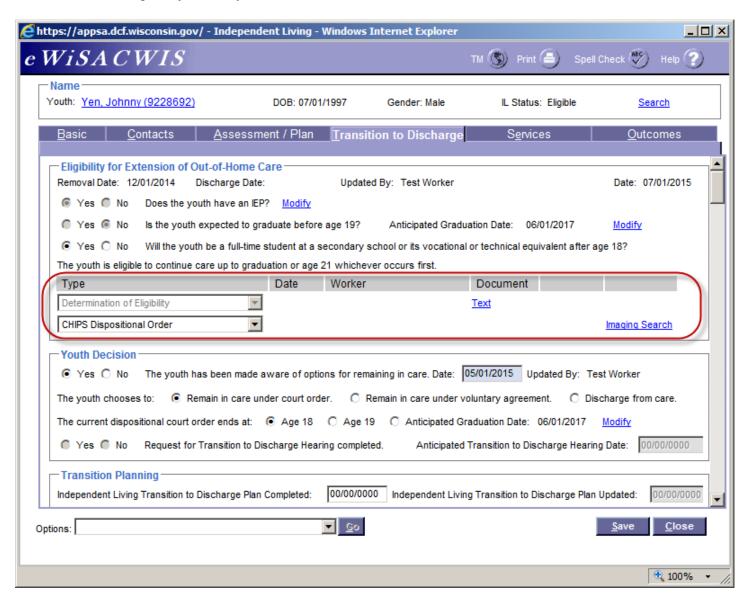


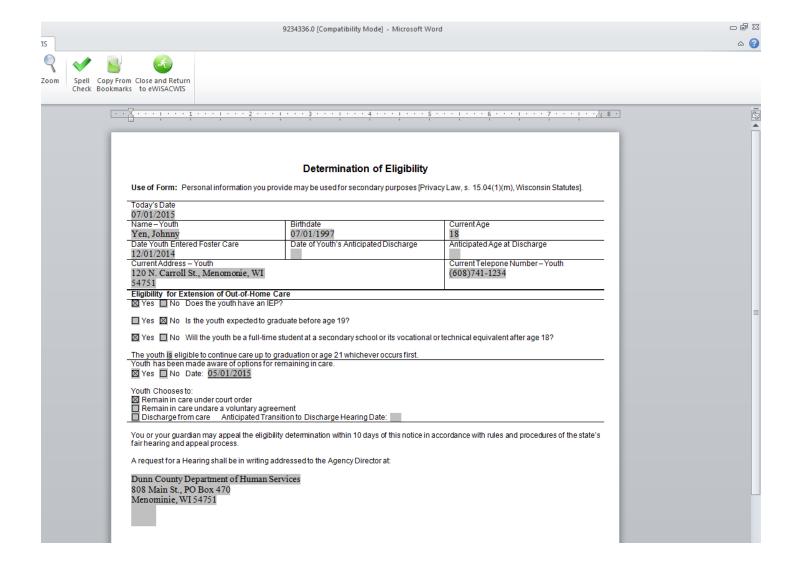
If the youth is found eligible based on the answers to the three questions, the Youth Decision group box will appear. This section is used to document when the youth was made aware of their options for remaining in care and to document the decision to remain in care on a court order or voluntary agreement. If the youth will discharge from care, the Anticipated Transition to Discharge Hearing Date should be documented.



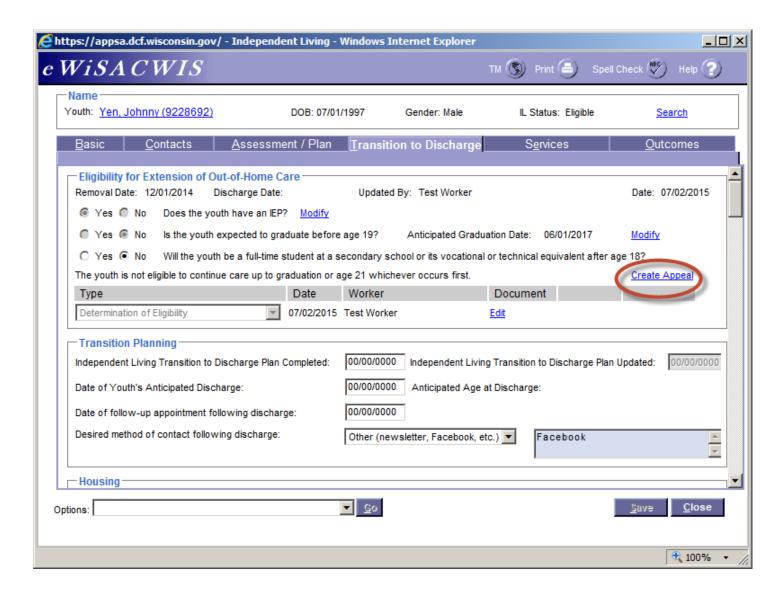
If the youth decides to remain in care a section will appear to attach the scanned court order or voluntary agreement. Select the Type from the drop down and click the Imaging Search hyperlink to search out or create the image. Also available, is the Determination of Eligibility template. This template will prefill the information from the Eligibility for Extension of Out-of-Home Care group box and the Youth Decision group box. Information how to appeal the eligibility decision is listed at the bottom of the template.

**Note:** The eligibility is not considered "final" until an image has been attached. Attaching the document will freeze the eligibility for the youth.

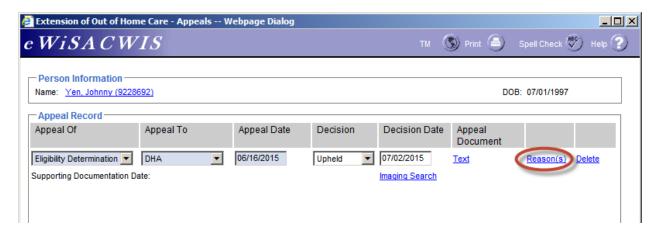


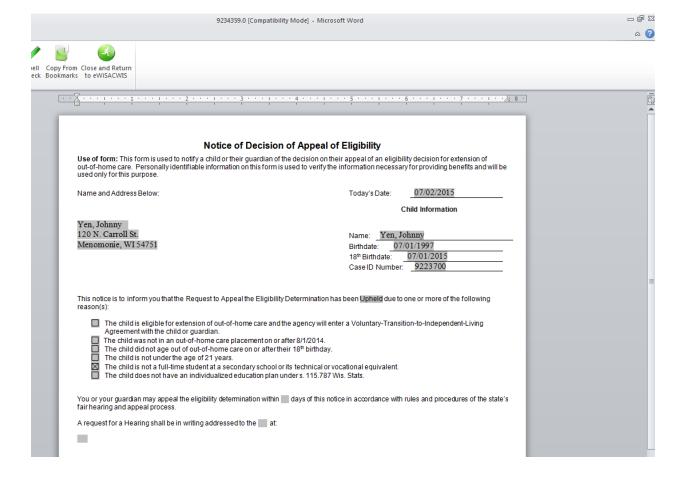


If a youth is not eligible for an Extension of Out-of-Home Care, and the youth appeals the decision, the appeal results can be documented by selecting the Create Appeal hyperlink.



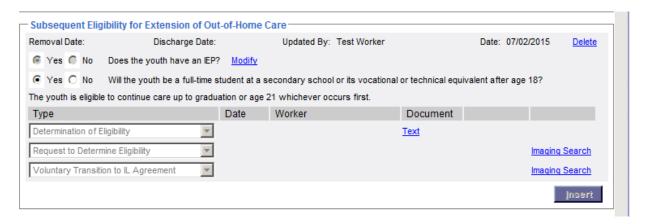
In order to launch the template, "Notice of Decision of Appeal of Eligibility," first make selections for each column. Then select the Reasons hyperlink and choose a reason. Lastly, click Text under Appeal Document.





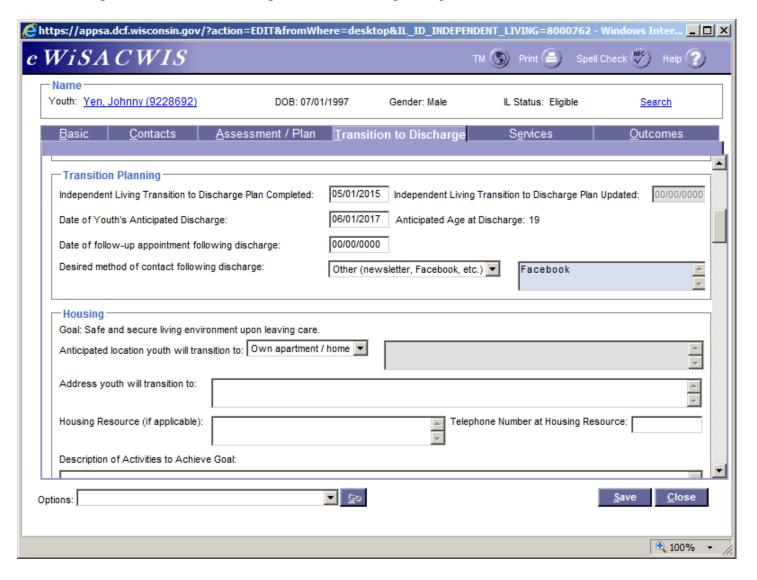
If a youth who is eligible for the extension discharges from out-of -home care, and later returns to care, a Subsequent Eligibility group box will appear to document that the youth remains eligible. A signed voluntary agreement will need to be attached via Imaging Search. Like the initial extension, a Determination of Eligibility template exists. Select Text to launch the document. If the youth does not qualify for the subsequent extension, the results of the appeal can also be documented in the same way as the initial extension.

**Note:** This eligibility must be completed in order to approve a placement in eWisacwis for anyone over the age of 19.

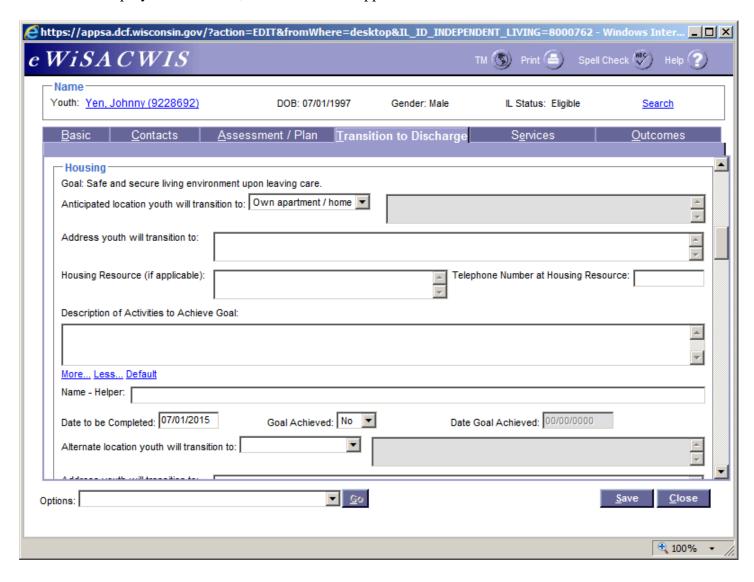


In the Transition Planning group box, document the date the plan was completed as well as follow-up dates and contact information.

**Note:** A date must be entered for the Independent Living Transition to Discharge Plan Completed date in order for the plan to be considered complete and the corresponding tickler deleted.



The remaining group boxes on this tab are used for documenting progress on goals relating to Housing, Health, Education, Mentors and/or Other Supportive Adults, Opportunities for Continuing Support Services, Income and Employment Services, and Workforce Support.



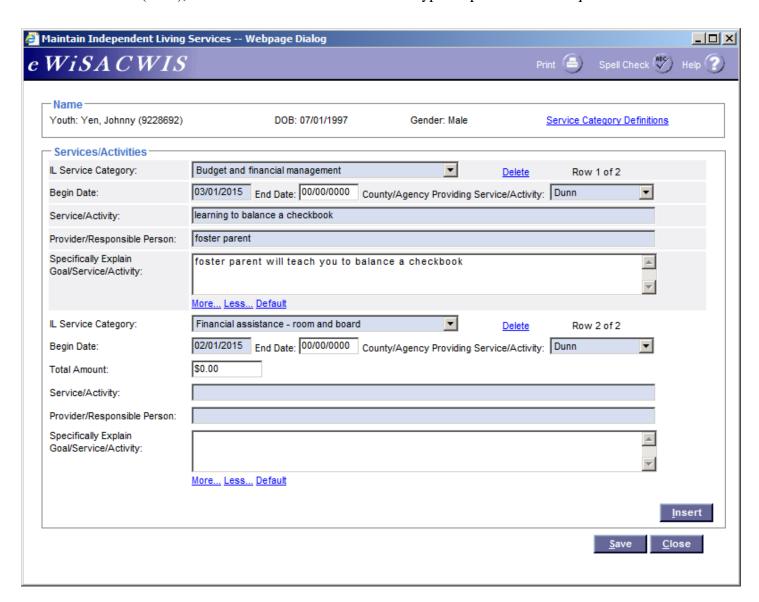
8. The fifth tab is the Services tab. The Services tab displays the Independent Living services provided to the youth. Click the Insert button to add services to the page. This will open the Maintain Independent Living Services page.



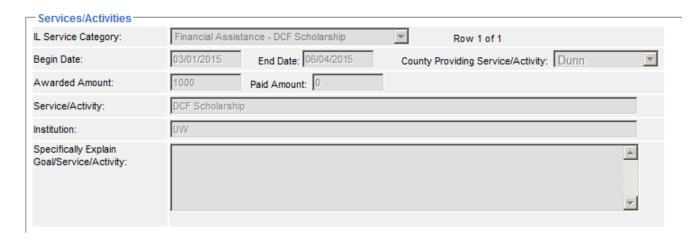
9. In the Services/Activities group box is a drop-down to enter the IL Service Category (these are federal reporting categories). The Service Category Definitions hyperlink can be selected to see the federal definitions for each category. The Begin Date, Service/Activity, and Provider/Responsible Person are required fields. The End Date and Specifically Explain Goal/Service/Activity fields are not required; however, in order to make a service historical an End Date must be entered. The County/Agency Providing Service/Activity is a required field and will default to the county or agency of the worker entering the service. This field cannot be changed once the page has been saved. To insert more services, click the Insert button. Click Save to save the service/activity. Remember to enter end dates on closed services. This will make the service historical on the Independent Living Plan template.

**Note:** When the IL Services Category is "Financial assistance – room and board," an additional field "Total Amount" displays to document the dollar value. This field is not required until an end date is entered for the service.

When the IL Services Category is "Financial assistance – Education Training Voucher (ETV)," in addition to the Amount field a Type dropdown is also required.



Note: When the Service Category is Financial Assistance – DCF scholarship additional fields for Awarded Amount, Paid Amount, and Institution will appear. An e-mail message is sent when a DCF Scholarship has been awarded. Any Independent Living Coordinators for the County providing the Service/Activity and county workers identified on the IL DCF Scholarship automated message distribution list will be notified.

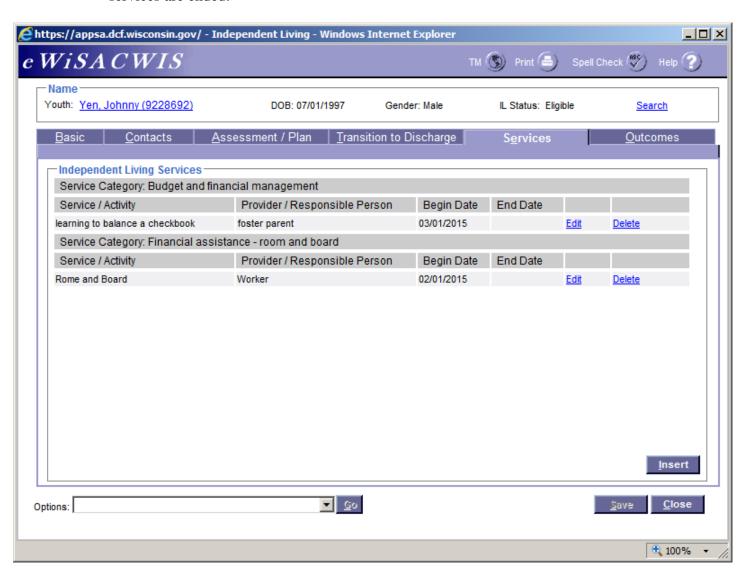


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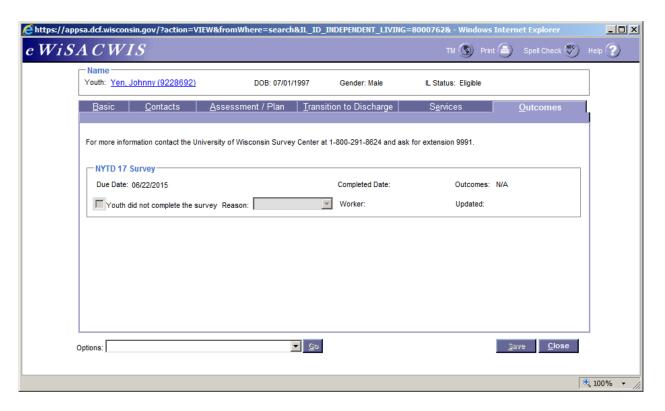
10. Once the information is saved on the Maintain Independent Living Services page, the information is summarized on the Services tab.

**Note:** There are several e-mails to reminder workers to close IL Services. These e-mails will be sent to the worker who entered the service, to the IL Coordinator, and anyone else the county has identified on the corresponding automated message distribution list.

- IL Service Open for a Year is sent as a reminder once an IL Service reaches a year old. The service will remain open if no action is taken.
- IL Service Ended Youth Turned 18 is sent when a youth turns 18 and has open IL Services. This ends IL services and they would need to be re-entered if they are continuing to be provided after 18.
- IL Service Ended Youth Turned 21 is sent when a youth turns 21 and has open IL Services, services are ended.
- IL Service Ended Youth Turned 23 is sent when a youth turns 23 and has open IL Services, services are ended.



11. The sixth and final tab of the Independent Living page is the Outcomes tab. The Outcomes tab will only display when the youth is eligible to take the NYTD survey. A youth is eligible when they are placed in out of home care after their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. Only youth who turn 17 after October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, will be prompted to take the NYTD survey. UW Survey Center has been contracted to administer the survey. Youth will receive an e-mail with instructions. The contact info for UW Survey Center is listed on the page.

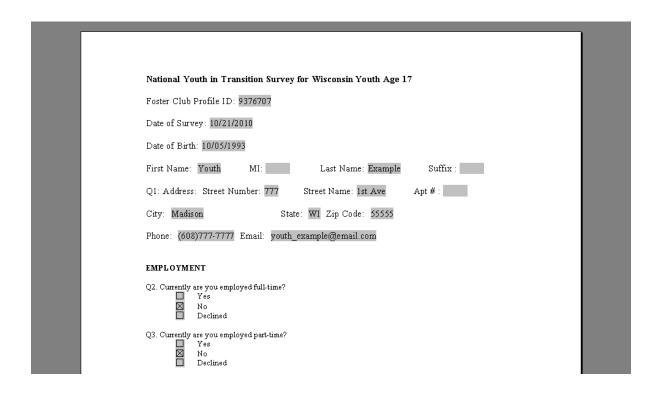


- 12. There are several reasons why a youth may not complete the survey. To document this, check the checkbox the 'Youth did not complete the survey,' and select a reason why the youth did not complete it from the Reason drop-down. This also satisfies the NYTD requirements.
- 13. Once a completed survey has been received, the Completed Date will indicate the date the youth completed the survey. The Outcomes field will either show a <u>View</u> hyperlink or N/A. Clicking the <u>View</u> hyperlink will launch the survey the youth took. If N/A is displayed, this indicates the youth did not give permission for their answers to be shared.

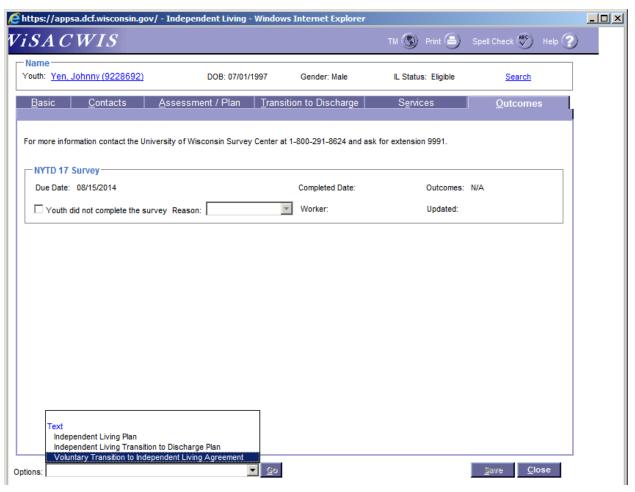
**Note:** There can be up to a two-week wait time for eWiSACWIS to receive the youth survey.

Youth who complete a survey at age 17 will also be asked to take the survey at age 19 and 21. The NYTD 19 Survey and NYTD 21 Survey group boxes will appear when the respective reporting period is reached.

**Note:** If the checkbox, "Youth did not complete the survey" is selected for the NYTD 17 Survey, or the survey was not completed on time, the NYTD 19 & 21 Survey group boxes will not appear.



14. The Options drop-down contains the Independent Living Plan template, the Independent Living Transition to Discharge template, and the Voluntary Transition to Independent Living Agreement template. All templates can be launched from any tab on the Independent Living page.



15. Information from the Independent Living page will pre-fill and not be editable on either the Independent Living Plan or Independent Living Transition to Discharge Plan templates.

Name – Youth		Birthdate	Gender			
Yen, Johnny		07/01/1997	Male			
Independent Living Assessment	_					
Date Completed	Date Revised					
06/01/2014						
Description of the assessment process, tools, and methods						
assessment and tools						
Independent Living and Transition Plan						
Independent Living Plan Completed	Independent Living Plan Updated					
06/01/2015						
Independent Living Transition to Discharge Plan Completed	Independent Living Transition to Discharge Plan Updated					
05/01/2015						
Anticipated age of discharge from out of home care						
19						
Anticipated living situation upon discharge from out of home care						
apartment						
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Current Services / Activities						
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Independent Living Service Category						
Budget and financial management			15.15.			
Service / Activity		Begin Date	End Date			
learning to balance a checkbook		03/01/2015				
Provider / Responsible Person						
foster parent						
Specifically Explain Goal / Service / Activity foster parent will teach you to balance a checkbook						

## Independent Living Transition to Discharge (ILTD) Plan

Use of form: Planning for a youth's transition to discharge and independent living must begin six months prior to a youth's  $18^{10}$  birthday with activities completed in the 90 days prior to discharge. The plan must include the specific options for transitioning from out-of-home care to self-sufficiency listed below. All planning and services provided must be documented on the Independent Living (IL) page in eWiSACWIS. Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, s. 15.04 (1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes].

Today's Date										
07/06/2015										
Name – Youth	Birthdate	CurrentAge								
Yen, Johnny	07/01/1997	18								
Date Youth Entered Foster Care	Date of Youth's Anticipated Discharge	Anticipated Age at Discharge								
	06/01/2017	19								
Current Permanency Goal										
Concurrent Permanency Goal										
Current Address – Youth	Current Telephone Number – Youth									
120 State Street, Madison, WI 53705										
Current Email Address (optional)										
Johnny645@gmail.com										
Eligibility for Extension of Out-of-Home Care										
Yes No Doesthe youth have an IEP?										
Yes No Is the youth expected to graduate before age 19?										
Yes 🛮 No Will the youth be a full-time student at a secondary school or its vocational or technical equivalent after age 18?										
The youth is not eligible to continue care up to graduation or age 21 whichever occurs first.										
Youth has been made aware of options for remaining in care.										
Yes No Date:										
Youth Chooses to:										
Remain in care under count order										
Discharge from care Anticipated Transition to Discharge Hearing Date:										
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Information will prefill to the Voluntary Transition to Independent Living Agreement template, but some information is still required to be entered on the template.

## Voluntary Transition to Independent Living Agreement

Use of form: This voluntary agreement to extend care may be used for a person who is eligible under Wisconsin Statute Section 48.366 or 938.366 for Extended Out-of-Home Care and is placed in an approved foster home, group home, residential care center for children and youth, in the home of an approved relative other than a parent, or in an approved supervised independent living arrangement. A person who is eligible under Wisconsin Statute Section 48.366 or 938.366 for Extended Out-of-Home Care, or the person's authorized guardian, and the appropriate agency which was primarily responsible for providing services to the person under a prior order or the appropriate agency where the person resides may enter into a transition-to-independent-living agreement under which the person continues in out-of-home care until age 21 if the person continues to be a full-time student at a secondary school or its vocational or technical equivalent under an individualized education program, meets all other eligibility requirements and conditions of the agreement, and the agency provides services to the person to assist him or her in transitioning to independent living.

Johnny Ye	en					, bo	orn on	07/01/1997
		(First, M	, Last)					(mm/dd/yyyy)
herby request	Dunn County Department of Human Services				, to continue to live or place me into:			
(County Department, BMCW or DCF)								
foster home	treatmen	foster home	relative	home	group home	Supervis	sed Indepe	ndentLiving 🔲 RCC
Placement dates	s are from	(mm/dd/		to _	(mm/dd/yyyy)			

I understand that I or my authorized guardian may terminate this agreement at any time before my 21st birthday.

I understand that a Permanency Plan, under s. 48.38 or s. 938.38 Wis. Stats., will be prepared and reviewed by a court and that I will be involved in the development and review of my Permanency Plan.

## I agree to:

- Maintain enrollment as a full-time student at a secondary school or its technical or vocational equivalent;
- . Be the subject of an individualized education plan under s. 115.787 Wis. Stats.
- Comply with school attendance requirements in my individualized education program under s. 115.787 Wis. Stats., school district
  policies, and truancy laws and ordinances;
- · Grant placement and care responsibility to the agency named above;
- · Participate in activities assigned by my agency to prepare me for independent living;
- Live in out-of-home care in a foster home, group home, residential care center for children and youth, in the home of an approved
  relative other than a parent or in an approved supervised independent living arrangement approved by (County Agency, BMCW or
  DCF).
- Inform the agency named above of my whereabouts and not have periods of time in which I would be considered missing from out-of-home care:
- Maintain regular contact with the agency named above;
- Notify the agency above within 10 days of any change in circumstances that affects my complying with this agreement, including but
  not limited to changes in my living arrangements, school status, and my participation in independent living activities assigned by my
  agency

16. There are three ticklers associated with Independent Living: IL Assessment and IL Plan, IL Transition to Discharge, and NYTD 17 Survey. The IL Assessment and IL Plan tickler will appear when the youth is 15 and has been in care for six months. The tickler will be deleted upon entering a date in the Independent Living Assessment Completed and Independent Living Plan Completed field on the Assessment/Plan tab of the Independent Living page. The NYTD 17 Survey tickler will appear when the youth is in out of home care on or after their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, and their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday is after October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The tickler will be deleted when the NYTD survey has been received or by selecting the "Youth did not complete the survey" checkbox, if applicable. The IL Transition to Discharge tickler will appear when the youth is 17 ½. The tickler will be deleted upon entering a date in the Independent Living Transition to Discharge Plan Completed field on the Transition to Discharge tab.

**Note:** A Permanency Plan cannot be completed if the IL Transition to Discharge tickler is overdue.

Here is an example of the IL Assessment and Plan tickler, as well as the NYTD 17 Survey tickler.



17. If you have an assignment to the case, Independent Living will appear on the desktop under the Planning icon:

